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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2926

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINR, AU

SUBJECT: KREISKY VISIT TO SOVIET UNION

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY WILL HEAD 20-MEMBER AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOVIET UNION, MAY 28-APRIL 1. AMBASSADOR THALBERG, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY KREISKY, GAVE US FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON SCHEDULED TRIP.

2. VISIT IS OF ROUTINE NATURE AND IS RETURN VISIT FOR KOSYGIN STAY IN AUSTRIA IN JULY 1973. IN COURSE OF FIVE-DAY STAY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SIDE TRIP TO KIEV, KREISKY WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION (CSCE, DISARMAMENT TALKS, DETENTE, EAST-WEST RELATIONS) AND MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST. IN LATTER CONNECTION, AUSTRIANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REVIEWING ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF AUSTRO-SOVIET RELATIONS AND EXPANDING THEIR PURCHASES OF OIL AND GAS FROM SOVIET UNION AND CONVERSELY IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED PURCHASES BY SOVIET UNION OF EQUIPMENT FROM AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED

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INDUSTRY. DESIRE FOR MORE TRADE ALSO UNDERLINED

BY COMPOSITION OF KREISKY PARTY WHICH INCLUDES  
IGLER, HEAD OF INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, AND  
HRDLICKA, PRESIDENT OF LABOR CHAMBER, AS WELL AS  
SENIOR OFFICERS OF TRADE MINISTRY.

3. ALSO ON KREISKY AGENDA ARE NUMBER OF LONG-  
PENDING CONSULAR HARDSHIP CASES LARGELY INVOLVING  
DUAL NATIONALITY CLAIMS.

AUSTRIANS DO NOT PLAN  
RAISE WITH SOVIETS ISSUE OF 350 SOVIET JEWISH  
EMIGRES, WHO, AFTER MIGRATION TO ISRAEL, ARE NOW  
LOCATED IN VIENNA AND WANT TO RETURN TO SOVIET  
UNION WHICH IS REFUSING THEM REENTRY PERMITS.

4. IN SPITE OF WELL-KNOWN DESIRE OF AUSTRIAN  
DEFENSE MINISTRY, KREISKY IS NOT PLANNING TO RAISE  
POSSIBILITY OF REVISING ARTICLE 13 OF STATE TREATY  
TO PERMIT INTRODUCTION OF DEFENSIVE MISSILE SYSTEM INTO  
AUSTRIAN ARMED FORCES. REATIONALE IS THAT  
GOA SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO REOPEN CONSIDERATION  
OF TREATY AT THIS JUNCTURE, TO PRECLUDE ANY  
EFFORT TO UNDERMINE ITS VALIDITY.

5. WITH AN EYE TO PR ASPECTS OF HIS TRIP, KREISKY  
PARTY TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY 15 AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS  
AND CHANCELLOR WILL GIVE SPEECH IN MOSCOW ON GENERAL  
THEME OF AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY AND DETENTE. VISIT  
WILL ALSO HAVE CERTAIN COMMEMORATIVE ASPECT IN THAT  
1974 MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF  
AUSTRIAN- SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HUMES

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